

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 42-56, and insert in lieu thereof new claims 57-76, as follows. Applicants are tendering additional claim fees for two additional independent claims being added by the following claims, for which fees were not previously paid.

Claims 1-56 (canceled).

57. (new): A door lock for electrical household appliances selected from the group of washing machines, dishwashers and tumble driers, the door lock comprising:

- a frame (100),
- a closing lever (104), which is mounted on the frame (100) and can be reciprocated between a closed position and an open position for the door lock,
- a tensioning lever (130), which is mounted on the frame (100) and can be reciprocated between the closed position and the open position for the door lock, and
- a steering arm (106), which is guided at one end in articulated fashion with the closing lever (104) and is guided at the other end on the tension lever (130), is connected to the closing lever (104) by means of a bearing.

58. (new): A door lock for electrical household appliances selected from the group of washing machines, dish washer and tumble driers, the door lock comprising:

- a frame (100),
- a tensioning lever (130), which is mounted on the frame (100) and can be reciprocated between a closed position and an open position for the door lock, and

- a steering arm (106), which is guided at one end in articulated fashion with a closing lever (104) and is guided at the other end on the tensioning lever (130), is connected to the closing lever (104) by means of a bearing.

59. (new): A door lock according to claim 57 or 58, wherein

- the tensioning lever (130) comprises an axle journal (148) for mounting on the frame (100), and

- a bearing is arranged between the axle journal (148) and the frame (100).

60. (new): A door lock according to claim 57 or 58, wherein

- the closing lever (104) comprises an axle journal (114) for mounting on the frame (100), and

- a bearing is arranged between the axle journal (114) and the frame (100).

61. (new): A door lock according to claim 57 or 58, comprising

- a steering rod (118) comprising an axle journal (120) pivotably mounted to the steering arm (106), and

- a bearing arranged between the axle journal (120) and the steering arm (106).

62. (new): A door lock according to claim 61, wherein

- the steering rod (118) comprises a crankpin (124),

- the tensioning lever (130) comprises a groove guide (140), in which the crankpin (124) engages, for guiding movements of the steering rod (118), and

- a bearing arranged on the crankpin (124).

63. (new): A door lock according to claim 57 or 58, comprising

- an operating device (154) for operating the tensioning lever (130) by engagement, the operating device (124) being mounted on the frame (100) by means of a bearing.

64. (new): A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dish washers and tumble driers, the door lock comprising:

- a securing device (10) for receiving components of the door lock (1),  
- a gripping device (18) being arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1), the gripping device (18) having an active region (22) comprising a first recess (26), a second recess (24) and a transition region (34) arranged between the first recess (26) and the second recess (24), and

- an axle (28) being arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about its longitudinal axis and comprising a contact region (30),

- the contact region (30) for contacting the first recess (26) in the first rotational position of the gripping device (18), for contacting the transition region (34) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position in the second rotational position and from the second rotational position in the first rotational position so as to

rotate the axle (28) about its longitudinal axis, and for contacting the second recess (24) in the second rotational position of the gripping device (18).

65. (new): A door lock according to claim 64, wherein

- the active region (22) comprises a sliding edge (36) between the transition region (34) and the first recess (26), and
- the contact region (30) further contacting the sliding edge (36) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and from the second rotational position to the first rotational position so as to rotate the axle (28) about its longitudinal axis.

66. (new): A door lock according to claim 64, wherein

- the active region (22) comprises a sliding edge (32) between the transition region (32) and the second recess (24), and
- the contact region (30) further contacting the sliding edge (32) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and from the second rotational position to the first rotational position so as to rotate the axle (28) about its longitudinal axis.

67. (new): A door lock according to claim 64, wherein

- the active region (22) comprises a first sliding edge (36) between the transition region (34) and the first recess (26), and a second sliding edge (32) between the transition region (3) and the second recess (24), and

- the contact region (30) further contacting the first sliding edge (36) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and from the second rotational position to the first rotational position so as to rotate the axle (28) about its longitudinal axis, and further contacting the sliding edge (32) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and from the second rotational position to the first rotational position so as to rotate the axle (28) about its longitudinal axis.

68. (new): A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dish washers and tumble driers, the door lock comprising:

- a securing device (10) for receiving components of the door lock (1),
- a gripping device (18) being arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1), the gripping device (18) having an active region (22) comprising a first recess (26), a second recess (24) and a transition region (34) arranged between the first recess (26) and the second recess (24), and
- an axle (28) being arranged in the securing device (10) and comprising a bearing arranged thereon, the bearing providing a contact region (30),
- the contact region (30) for contacting the first recess (26) in the first rotational position of the gripping device (18), for contacting the transition region (34) in transition of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position in the second rotational position and from the second rotational position in the first rotational position so as to

rotate the bearing, and for contacting the second rotational position of the gripping device

(18).

69. (new): A door lock according to claim 68, wherein

- the active region (32) comprises a sliding edge (36) between the transition region (34) and the first recess (26), and
- the contact region (30) further contacting the sliding edge (36) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and from the second rotational position to the first rotational position so as to rotate the bearing.

70. (new): A door lock according to claim 68, wherein

- the active region (22) comprises a sliding edge (32) between the transition region (34) and the second recess (24), and
- the contact region (30) further contacting the sliding edge (32) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and from the second rotational position to the first rotational position so as to rotate the bearing arranged on the axle (28).

71. (new): A door lock according to claim 68, wherein

- the active region (32) comprises a first sliding edge (36) between the transition region (34) and the first recess (26), and a second sliding edge (32) between the transition region (34) and the second recess (24), and

- the contact region (30) further contacting the sliding edge (36) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and from the second rotational position to the first rotational position so as to rotate the bearing, and further contacting the sliding edge (32) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and from the second rotational position to the first rotational position so as to rotate the bearing arranged on the axle (28).

72. (new): A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dish washers and tumble driers, the door lock comprising:

- a securing device (10) for receiving components of the door lock (1),
- a gripping device (18) being arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) to be rotated between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1), the gripping device (18) having an active region (22) comprising a first recess (26), a second recess (24) and a transition region (34) arranged between the first recess (26) and the second recess (24)
- a bearing (50) arranged in the transition region (34), and
- an abutment element (44) connected to the securing device (10) and comprising a first abutment surface (46) and a second abutment surface (48) forming a contact region (30),
- the contact region (30) for contacting the first recess (26) in the first rotational position of the gripping device (18) by the first abutment surface (46) cooperating with

the first recess (26), for contacting the bearing (50) arranged in the transition region (34) in transitions of the gripping device (18) from the first rotational position in the second rotational position and from the second rotational position in the first rotational position so as to rotate the bearing (50), and for contacting the second recess (24) in the second rotational position of the gripping device (18) by the second abutment surface (48) cooperating with the second recess (24).

73. (new): A door lock for electrical household appliances, selected from the group of washing machines, dish washers and tumble driers, the door lock comprising:

- a securing device (10) for receiving components of the door lock (1),  
- a gripping device (18) being arranged in the securing device (10) rotatably about a gripping device axle (20) for rotation between a first rotational position in an open position of the door lock (1) and a second rotational position in a closed position of the door lock (1) and moveably in a first direction perpendicular to the gripping device axle (20) and in an opposite second direction, the gripping device (18) having an active region (22) comprising a first recess (26) and a transition region (34),

- the gripping device (18), having the first rotational position, for moving from the first translational position to the second translational position, the gripping device (18), having the second translational position, for moving from the first rotational position to the second rotational position and the gripping device (18), having the second rotational position, for moving from the second translational position to the first translational position, and.



- an abutment element (44) connected to the securing device (10) and comprising a first abutment surface (46) and a second abutment surface (48) forming a contact region (30),

- the contact region (30) for contacting the first recess (26) in the first rotational position and the first translational position of the gripping device (18) by the first abutment surface (46) cooperating with the first recess (26) and for being lifted from the active region (22) upon movement of the gripping device (18) out of the first translational position.

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74. (new): A door lock according to claim 64, 68, 72 or 73, wherein a bearing is arranged between the gripping device (18) and the gripping device axle (20).

75. (new): A door lock according to claim 64, 68, 72 or 73, comprising a lever arm (14) having an end connected to a lever arm axle (12) arranged in the securing device (10) and being connected, in a distance from the connection to the lever arm axle (12), to the gripping device axle (20).

76. (new): A door lock according to claim 75, wherein a bearing is arranged between the closing lever (14) and the closing lever axle (12).